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USCIB: 13.5/48      Item B (Not on Agenda) Considered at the 101st Meeting of USCIB, held on 12 March 1954.

Subject:              The Anderson Case.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR informed the Chairman that some of the members have indicated that they would like a report from Mr. Armstrong on further developments in the Anderson Case.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Armstrong if he had anything to report.

MR. ARMSTRONG reported that as a result of USCIBEC discussion of the subject on 4 March 1954 an effort had been made to locate Anderson through queries to the Embassy in Belgrade and the Consulate in Zagreb. Both replies, he said, were negative, and it appeared that further action would have to await additional information which will lead to this man.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if the matter has been taken up with any echelon of the Yugoslav Government.

MR. ARMSTRONG replied that it had not. He suggested that the FBI be asked to make discreet inquiries as to Anderson's present whereabouts.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the FBI member would proceed to instigate such investigation as his Bureau deems appropriate to find out if Anderson is in contact with his family in the U.S., and keep the Executive Secretary advised of developments.

The members went on to discuss possible ways and means of preventing such occurrences in the future, and Captain Taylor suggested further consideration of recommendations he had made previously. He reviewed the main points of his plan, which would establish a procedure by which Department of State passport authorities would check, through SPS and the Executive Secretary, to determine whether travel restrictions are required in cases of requests for passports by individuals who have recently been employed in positions requiring a knowledge of COMINT.

It was ultimately agreed that the Executive Secretary would prepare a recommendation along the lines indicated and submit it for USCIBEC consideration in time to permit the matter to be taken up again by the Board at its next meeting.

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DECISION: (12 March 1954) USCIB:

a. Agreed that the FBI would proceed with such action as it deems appropriate to determine if Curtis Benjamin Anderson has been in communication with his family in the U.S., and keep the Executive Secretary advised of developments.

b. Directed the Executive Secretary to prepare recommendations designed to prevent future occurrences of this kind (the Anderson Case), and submit such recommendations to USCIBEC for review in time to permit consideration of them by USCIB at its next meeting.

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